

**Notice of Allowability**

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/19/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 48, 50 and 51.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date hereto.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

2. Authorization for Examiner's Amendment to the amendment filed June 14, 2005 was given by Maurice Pirio in a telephone interview on 06/21/2006.

3. An examiner's amendment to the amendment filed June 14, 2005 appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

4. The application claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable media containing a computer program for annotating streaming media, wherein the program performs steps comprising:

creating annotations interactively with a user, wherein the annotations correspond to identified segments of one or more media streams;

graphically ordering the annotations in a desired order of presentation in response to user input; and

in response to a user instruction, sequentially presenting the annotations along with their corresponding identified media stream segments in the desired order of presentation

wherein the annotations are textual annotations, the media streams are audio/visual video streams, and the presenting step comprises displaying the textual annotations while displaying the corresponding segments of the audio/visual streams.

2. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein the annotations comprise textual annotations.

3. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein the media streams comprise audio/visual video streams.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 1, the steps further comprising storing the annotations and their desired order of presentation.

6. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 1, the steps further comprising:

storing the annotations and their desired order of presentation; and in response to a user request,

retrieving the stored annotations and their desired order of presentation,  
displaying the retrieved annotations in their desired order of presentation,  
and

retrieving and presenting the media stream segments identified by the retrieved annotations, in sequential order in accordance with the desired order of presentation of the retrieved annotations.

7-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
receiving an indication of a plurality of annotations selected by a user, wherein  
each of the plurality of annotations corresponds to a media stream or to  
one or more media streams;  
presenting a plurality of annotation identifiers to the user;  
allowing the ordering of the plurality of annotation identifiers to be changed by the  
user;  
seamlessly providing one or more of,  
the plurality of annotations, and  
at least a portion of the media stream corresponding to each of the  
plurality of annotations;  
wherein the seamlessly providing comprises seamlessly providing the one or  
more of the plurality of annotations and the portion of the media stream  
corresponding to each of the plurality of annotations in an order defined by  
the order of the plurality of annotation identifiers  
wherein the annotations are textual annotations, the media streams are  
audio/visual video streams, and the providing step comprises displaying  
the textual annotations while displaying the corresponding segments of  
the audio/visual streams.

13. (Original) A method as recited in claim 12, further comprising: allowing  
the user to change the order of the plurality of annotation identifiers in a drag and drop  
manner.

14-47. (Canceled)

48. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
creating annotations interactively with a user, wherein the annotations  
correspond to identified segments of one or more media streams;

graphically ordering the annotations in a desired order of presentation in response to user input; and

in response to a user instruction, sequentially presenting the annotations along with their corresponding identified media stream segments in the desired order of presentation

wherein the annotations are textual annotations, the media streams are audio/visual video streams, and the presenting step comprises displaying the textual annotations while displaying the corresponding segments of the audio/visual streams.

49. (Canceled)

50. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 48, further comprising storing the annotations and their desired order of presentation.

51. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 48, further comprising:

storing the annotations and their desired order of presentation; and in response to a user request,

retrieving the stored annotations and their desired order of presentation, displaying the retrieved annotations in their desired order of presentation, and

retrieving and presenting the media stream segments identified by the retrieved annotations, in sequential order in accordance with the desired order of presentation of the retrieved annotations.

52-91. (Canceled)

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Apu M. Mofiz whose telephone number is (571) 272-4080. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Thursday 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin can be reached at (571) 272-4146. The fax numbers for the group is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Apu M. Mofiz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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